



## Pennsylvania Broilers

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For the Week of March 9-15, 2003

### Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Down 5 Percent from the Previous Week

**Pennsylvania:** Broiler chicks placed in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 15, 2003, were 2,373,000, down 5 percent from the previous week and 15 percent less than the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 3 percent below 1 year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,592,000, up 2 percent from the previous week but 10 percent less than the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 10 percent below the comparable period last year.

**Nineteen States:** Broiler chicks placed in the 19 Selected States were 167,396,000, up 2 percent from the previous week but 3 percent less than the

corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 2 percent below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 204,317,000, down 1 percent from the previous week and 2 percent less than the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 2 percent below the comparable period last year.

**Expected Marketings:** Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier, less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending May 10, 2003, will be 2,359,000, 10 percent less than a year earlier. The 19 States expected marketings should total 160,240,000, down 3 percent from the previous year.

#### Broilers Placed, Eggs Set, Expected Marketings

Period Covered	Pennsylvania			19 States		
	Number (1,000)	Percent		Number (1,000)	Percent	
		Previous Week	Year Earlier		Previous Week	Year Earlier
	Broilers Placed					
Past Week . . . . .	2,373	95	85	167,396	102	97
Past 9 Weeks . . . .	22,462	-	97	1,486,795	-	98
	Eggs Set					
Past Week . . . . .	3,592	102	90	204,317	99	98
Past 3 Weeks . . . .	10,524	-	90	615,812	-	98
	Expected Marketings					
Week Ending: May 10, 2003 . . . .	2,359	-	90	160,240	-	97

**Poultry Slaughter:** Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending March 8, 2003, totaled 2,099,000 head with an average liveweight of 4.94 pounds. Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal inspection during the week ending March 1, 2003, totaled 1,410,000 head with an average liveweight of 5.12 pounds.

**The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.  
Data is now being reported as a 19 State total.**

### Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15
	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
	Thousand					
AL	27,284	28,430	*28,185	27,458	27,920	28,229
AR	30,994	30,194	30,762	30,603	30,133	29,371
DE	3,489	3,348	3,295	3,489	*3,539	3,765
FL	1,609	1,605	1,598	*1,627	*1,620	1,532
GA	30,909	31,084	*31,336	31,708	*31,646	30,759
KY	6,692	*6,342	*6,266	*6,317	*6,555	6,200
MD	9,897	8,694	9,351	9,371	10,110	10,053
MS	18,501	18,852	*18,749	18,884	19,097	18,867
NC	18,151	18,294	*18,728	19,091	18,634	18,588
OK	6,432	6,378	6,632	6,373	6,465	6,672
PA	3,447	3,434	3,136	*3,427	*3,505	3,592
SC	4,820	4,842	4,823	4,857	*4,814	4,842
TX	14,414	14,780	14,801	14,810	14,750	14,743
VA	6,520	6,491	6,562	6,720	6,711	6,632
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV:	19,613	*19,676	20,275	20,606	*20,655	20,472
19 State Total	202,772	*202,444	*204,499	*205,341	*206,154	204,317
Previous Year Total	208,199	210,479	211,110	210,211	209,711	208,001
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	98	98	98

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### Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15
	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
	Thousand					
AL	21,390	20,696	21,200	20,287	21,816	21,479
AR	25,475	23,806	24,509	24,680	25,491	23,738
DE	4,698	5,539	5,114	5,171	*4,688	4,570
FL	1,393	1,739	1,491	1,752	*1,798	1,668
GA	25,425	25,761	25,415	*25,634	*24,378	24,918
KY	5,315	5,366	5,491	5,503	*5,204	5,233
MD	6,265	5,601	5,732	5,692	*5,242	6,260
MS	15,479	15,967	15,757	15,534	15,579	15,859
NC	14,439	14,217	14,011	14,332	14,199	14,729
OK	4,259	4,415	4,091	4,840	3,634	4,458
PA	2,482	2,551	2,523	*2,422	*2,501	2,373
SC	3,607	3,534	3,708	3,134	4,812	4,430
TX	11,902	12,337	11,869	11,657	11,952	12,373
VA	5,617	5,612	5,286	5,847	5,854	5,334
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV:	17,141	18,703	18,209	16,980	*17,580	19,974
19 State Total	164,887	165,844	164,406	*163,465	*164,728	167,396
Previous Year Total	165,373	167,095	170,461	169,215	171,686	172,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	96	97	96	97

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